

Historian

Also called: Genealogist, Historical Society Director, Field Court Researcher



The university subject related to this career:
History

East Midlands growth:

+13.2% from 2014 to 2024, creating
15,460 jobs

East Midlands median earnings: £35,310

Working hours and environment

Most people say the following:

Work With Group or Team: Very important.

Work Schedules: Regular

Responsibility for Outcomes and Results: Moderate responsibility.

Freedom to Make Decisions: A lot of freedom.

Duration of Typical Work Week: Less than 40 hours.

Coordinate or Lead Others: Very important

Skills You'll need:

- Reading
- Comprehension
- Critical Thinking
- Active Listening
- Writing
- Speaking

You'll usually need:

A good bachelor's degree (usually a 2:1 or higher) in History, together with a postgraduate degree (master's and/or PhD) in your chosen area of research.

What you'll do may include:

- Teach and conduct research in colleges, universities, museums, and other research agencies and schools.
- Interview people to gather information about historical events.
- Organize information for publication.
- Trace historical development.
- Conduct historical research, and publish or present findings and theories.
- The development of exhibits at historic sites, museums, libraries, and archives.
- Conserve and preserve manuscripts, records, and other artefacts.
- Collect detailed information on individuals for use in biographies.
- Organize data, and analyse and interpret its authenticity and relative significance.

Career path and progression

- A large majority of historians combine teaching, writing and research at colleges and universities. You can also work as a consultant in various domains:
- **Media:** you can edit books for a publishing company or be employed as a consultant for radio, TV and film producers. You check that the production provides an accurate depiction of past events, styles and people.
- **Museums and archives:** you can be a consultant and a tour guide.
- **Government agencies:** you can be a consultant for the departments involved in the preservation of historic buildings.
- **Individuals** you may work for people who want to know more about their family or house history.